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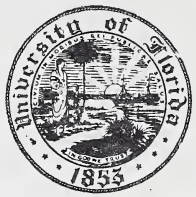

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Biography

Joe Richard Pool was born in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tex., February 18, 1911; attended the Dallas public schools and Texas University, 1929–33; graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, Tex., in 1937; was admitted to the Texas bar the same year and started practice of law in Dallas, Tex.; served with the United States Army as a special investigator, Air Corps Intelligence, 1943–45; member of State house of representatives, 1953–58; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth, Eighty-ninth, and Ninetieth Congresses, serving from January 3, 1963, until his death in Houston, Tex., July 14, 1968; interment in Laurel Land Memorial Park, Dallas, Tex.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

JOE RICHARD POOL

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *July 15, 1968.*

The House met at 10 o'clock a.m.

The chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Thus saith the Lord, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.—Joshua 1:5.

O God and Father of mankind, whose creative spirit is ever seeking to lead us along the paths of truth and love, make us so mindful of Thy presence, so motivated by Thy spirit, so marked by Thy love that we may face this hour and live through these days with courage and strength and good will.

We pray for the captive nations of the world—for those who live in the darkness of fear and want, who cry for the flame of freedom and who pray for the life of liberty. Grant unto them confidence in every trial, courage to endure in every trouble, strength to resist every temptation to become cynical and in the depths of every depression may they hear Thy voice saying, "Be strong and of a good courage for I, the Lord thy God, am with thee."

Hasten the day when freedom shall be the faith of all, when good will shall dwell in the hearts of all and when men shall learn to live together with all.

Our Father, we come into Thy presence with sorrow in our hearts at the passing of one of our beloved colleagues. We thank Thee for him and pray that the comfort of Thy spirit may abide in the hearts of his loved ones. May their faith sustain them, their hope strengthen them, and their love support them.

In the spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to inform the House officially of the passing of one of our beloved colleagues, the Honorable JOE R. POOL, of Dallas, Tex.

This sad announcement would have been made by the dean of the Texas delegation [Mr. Patman] except for the fact that it is impossible for him to be at the Capitol at this moment.

A day will be set aside for eulogies for Mr. POOL. The date has not yet been fixed by the Speaker.

I believe it appropriate at the moment to make some reference to the background and experience of this distinguished citizen and legislator.

JOE RICHARD POOL, who passed away yesterday in Houston, Tex., and who had been in California with the Postmaster General in the performance of his official duties, was born in Tarrant County, Tex., February 18, 1911. He attended the University of Texas and later graduated from Southern Methodist University. He was admitted to the Texas bar in 1937.

He served his country in uniform in World War II as a special investigator with the Army's Air Corps Intelligence.

He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1952 and served three terms. While there he distinguished himself as a member of the State legislature, serving as chairman of the Motor Traffic Committee and serving on the Committees on Appropriations, Revenue and Taxation, and State Affairs.

He was married in 1940 to Elizabeth Chambless. He leaves his lovely wife and four stalwart sons.

As Members know, he was elected to the 88th Congress in 1962 and later to the 89th Congress as a Member at Large. Following redistricting of the State, he was elected to the 90th Congress from the Third District of Texas.

All of us know of his strong feeling of loyalty and patriotism to our country and to this body. All of us will recall the strong and uncompromising stand which he took against subversion and communism as a member of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

He also served with distinction as a member of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

We have lost a valiant friend of the people, a legislator of skill, ability, and solid accomplishment, and we mourn the loss which we have sustained.

I would prefer at this time not to yield for remarks and eulogies. I believe it would be more appropriate if we could fix a time certain when other Members not now present may have an opportunity to join in honoring the memory of our departed colleague and friend.

Mr. CHARLES H. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, all of us in the House will miss Congressman JOE POOL; his exuberant enjoyment of life was truly contagious.

A working Congressman, JOE POOL's 6 years of service in the House were marked by tireless energy and dedication to his responsibilities. And, although he and I sometimes differed in our views, I could never fail to respect the integrity and zeal with which he held them. He would fight—always fairly—for what he believed, all the while keeping a sharp sense of humor about himself which softened even his most obdurate opponents.

JOE POOL's "larger than life" personality—as well as his considerable size—made him something of a legend in the House. Indeed, when one referred to "the Congressman from Texas," the image of JOE POOL sprang instantly to mind.

I was privileged to serve with Representative POOL on the Subcommittee for Postal Modernization and Facilities, which he chaired so vigorously. Last Thursday, Congressman POOL, myself and other members of the subcommittee flew to Los Angeles to dedicate the Worldway Post Office, our city's newest and most modern postal airmail facility. It was a very happy occasion, and Congressman POOL was obviously proud and pleased to see the results of his dynamic leadership of our subcommittee as reflected in this superior new post office.

It is sad beyond words that this hopeful and visionary trip should have such a tragic end. My wife, Betty, joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Congressman POOL's lovely wife, Elizabeth, and their four fine sons on their great loss.

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, JOE POOL and I were warm and understanding friends, notwithstanding the fact that in some matters our philosophical approach differed. In his convictions he was honest and sincere and for the causes in which he believed he worked and fought with tenacity, courage, and ability. On the personal side, JOE POOL was sweet and lovable, and I shall miss the quiet smile and the cheery words of his greetings. To his widow, Elizabeth, and his

sons, members of a family closely knitted by love and mutual interests, go my deepest sympathy.

Mr. DULSKI. Mr. Speaker, this House and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service have lost a valued colleague and friend in the sudden passing of the Honorable JOE R. POOL, of Texas.

Mr. POOL was chairman of the Subcommittee on Postal Facilities and Modernization, and was just returning from a trip to Los Angeles where he represented our committee at the dedication on Friday of the new airmail facility.

He was an excellent chairman of the subcommittee, and devoted much effort to aiding the Post Office Department in strengthening its vital research and development work to cope with the ever-increasing volume of mail.

He was a vigorous supporter of the Department's move to create a Bureau of Research and Engineering, elevating research work finally to the proper level of Assistant Postmaster General, a position now occupied by Dr. Leo S. Packer.

Mr. POOL gave me considerable help in my continuing effort to improve the mail service for our fighting servicemen around the world, and particularly in Vietnam. Our committee moved promptly and forcefully to aid mail service for our military, after my earlier inspection trip to Vietnam.

At my request, Mr. POOL made an on-site inspection and investigation last fall of the postal systems of the U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam and the Far East. He made a very comprehensive report of his trip which has been published as House Report 1391.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Pool and her family in their great loss.

RECESS

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, out of respect for the memory of our deceased colleague, I ask unanimous consent that the House stand in recess until 11 o'clock a.m. today.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 9 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 11 o'clock a.m.

Mr. HANLEY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in expressing sorrow and shock over the sudden death of Congressman JOE POOL. I have served on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee with JOE since first having come to the House. He was a diligent member of the committee who vigorously pursued his task. He was a warm and friendly man. I shall miss him as a friend and colleague; his family will miss him as a devoted husband and father; his constituents will miss him as a dedicated Representative.

My prayers and sympathy go out to Mrs. Pool and to her four children.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, earlier today an announcement was made of the passing of our distinguished colleague, JOE R. POOL, a Representative from the State of Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I include at this point information in regard to the general arrangements for the funeral of our departed colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I am advised that the body of our late departed colleague will lie in state in the Tyler Street Methodist Church, at 927 West 10th Street, Dallas, Tex., from 12 noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 17. Funeral services are scheduled to follow immediately, at the church.

It has been suggested that in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the Dallas Heart Association, 3205 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, Tex. 75219.

Mr. Speaker, as was noted earlier today in the House, a time for eulogies by Members for Mr. POOL will be fixed later.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1265

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOE R. POOL, a Representative from the State of Texas.

Resolved, That a committee of twenty-two Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Messrs. Patman, Mahon, Poage, Fisher, Teague of Texas, Burleson, Dowdy, Brooks, Wright, Young, Casey, Gonzalez, Purcell, Roberts, Pickle, Cabell, de la Garza, White, Bush, Eckhardt, Kazen, and Price of Texas.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

THURSDAY, *July 25, 1968.*

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and tragic death of our colleague, JOE RICHARD POOL, has taken from our midst a man at the height of his powers, a man who had come to mean a great deal to millions of people beyond the confines of his congressional district, to millions of Texans, and to millions of Americans, because he was a lifetime patriot whose courageous, outspoken, unstinting love of country has become a transcendent symbol of loyalty and devotion to one great cause—the United States of America. He was a champion and defender of democracy, without peer in our land; he was a dedicated and devoted worker on those committees of the House, where he served with vigor and great understanding, because no man who loved his country so well could fail to love his fellow men with equal ardor and compassionate concern.

To the bereaved wife and fine sons of JOE RICHARD POOL I extend the deepest sympathy on behalf of myself and the members of the Texas delegation. He is in our thoughts and our prayers this day. May all of us in our sorrow take comfort from the knowledge that his work and accomplishments are a historic monument that over the years to come will give ever-increasing significance and meaning to a life whose epitaph is this—JOE POOL, of Texas, a great and loyal American.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague, the distinguished dean of the great Texas delegation, and other Members of the House in expressing my feeling of sorrow and loss over the death of my good friend, JOE POOL. I have known JOE a long time. I met him in Dallas long before he became a Member of Congress. He was a friend of relatives of mine who lived in Dallas.

JOE was a fine man, lovable and personable, friendly and kind. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to others.

JOE POOL was a real American; a foe of the enemies of our country. He believed in the institution of our country and worked incessantly to preserve them. He died at work for his country—died, like many great historic figures of the Lone Star State, with his boots on.

I extend to Mrs. Pool and her children my condolences over the loss of a loving husband and father, a great Texan, a great Congressman, a great American, and great man.

Mr. GERALD R. FORD. Mr. Speaker, JOE POOL was a real patriot. He was greatly interested in our national security. He was greatly concerned about elements in this country that he felt were undermining our national security at home and subverting our form of government. JOE POOL was a fine gentleman, an able Member. He was dedicated to his responsibilities as a Member of this body. His loss will be felt.

I extend, as others have, our deepest condolences to his wife and family.

Mr. BOGGS. I would like to join with the remarks made by the distinguished gentleman from Texas and the majority leader and the minority leader in paying tribute to our late colleague, JOE POOL. He was indeed dedicated to the service of his country, to eliminating those elements which have and do seek to destroy the institutions which make our country what it is. He died in the service of his country.

I think it is always sad to see a man in the prime of his life die under any circumstances, but I was particularly sorry that he had a heart attack while he was traveling about the country and that he could not be home with his family at least.

I want to join the others in expressing the sympathy of Mrs. Boggs and myself to Mrs. Pool and their children.

Mr. CABELL. Mr. Speaker, any statement that I might make on behalf of my colleague, the late Congressman from the Third District of Texas, JOE POOL, is deeply colored by many years of friendship at all levels. As a businessman I knew JOE POOL's record of public service and frequently consulted with him during his years in Austin. Our sons attended the same school and were friends. In my first race for mayor of the city of Dallas, JOE POOL also ran as a member of the city council and both our views and our opposition were similar. When I offered for the office of Congressman, JOE POOL represented the State as Congressman at Large and made significant contributions to my campaign. His support was constant. And, upon my election, he and his office staff were friendly, generous, and helpful. In the years we have served together from Dallas County, there have been many times when cooperation and understanding were necessary. We have worked together.

I believe that no assignment JOE POOL ever filled meant so much to him or gave him such pleasure as the opportunity to serve both his beloved country and his revered community here in Washington. He gave to the job all that he possessed. His efforts were known and deeply appreciated in Dallas and we all know that the place that he has occupied will be hard to fill.

All of us love this great Nation and would defend it against its enemies, but for JOE POOL this was a responsibility that could never be taken lightly or for granted. He flew his flag at all times, he was always ready to salute, his ear was cocked for the roll of the drum or the blast of the trumpet.

He was a man ready to give of all that he had for a country he deeply loved. For those who knew him best, it is a sad note to realize this call has come and to feel that the call was far, far too soon.

My sympathies are extended to his wife, to his family, to those many residents of Dallas who loved him and appreciated the principles for which he stood.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I extend to Mrs. Pool and her loved ones my deep sympathy and the deep sympathy of all the Members of the House in the unexpected and tragic loss of her beloved and distinguished husband.

JOE POOL was one of the most active and interested Members of the House of Representatives. It was only the day before he died, or within a day or two, that he was up at the rostrum discussing some

matter with me. He went out to California on official duties, and he was on his way back to Texas when the attack came which resulted in his death. It can truly be said that JOE POOL died in the line of duty.

JOE POOL made a profound impression upon his colleagues, not only because of his dedicated work as a Member of the House of Representatives in Congress, but because of his fine personality and broad understanding mind and outlook on life. He was one of the foremost men of the country in fighting for those causes that represented the best interests of the United States of America and the ideals for which our country stands. He was always fighting as a Member of this body for legislation that would strengthen our institutions of government, always supporting legislation and appropriations that would provide for a powerful national defense, and always combating the efforts of elements within our country which would undertake, if they had the power to do so, to subvert our institutions of government.

I again extend to Mrs. Pool and her loved ones my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Mr. WRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, words are always inadequate vessels with which to convey what is in our hearts when a friend is taken from our midst so unexpectedly and so suddenly.

We shall sorely miss JOE's presence in the House, his never-failing spirit of good humor, his conviviality, his congeniality, his jovial countenance. The Nation will miss him, as will his district and his hosts of friends.

Those of us who knew him and called him friend extend to his bereaved widow and their children our most earnest condolences and hope they may find solace and consolation in the memory of the life that he lived and the certainty of his reward.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding so that I might join with the gentleman, our distinguished dean of the Texas delegation, and the Speaker, and the leadership of the House, and my fellow Texas colleagues in paying tribute to our late departed friend and colleague, The Honorable JOE POOL.

I was privileged to know JOE POOL for more than 20 years. JOE was truly a dedicated public servant. His service in the Texas Legislature was marked by his vigor and dedication. We all knew the vigor with

which he pursued his duties here in the House of Representatives. We will always remember JOE POOL as a man with a keen sense of humor, one who loved friends, one who loved people, and one who dearly loved his country. I remember him well as a patriot and a great public servant, and best I will remember him as my warm friend.

He will truly be missed as a Member of this House. His district will really know his worth now that he is gone.

My wife, Hazel, joins me in extending to JOE POOL'S wife, Elizabeth, and their fine sons our most sincere and deepest sympathy on this most untimely loss of this fine friend and colleague.

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleague in paying tribute to our departed distinguished friend and able Member of this House, the Honorable JOE POOL, Congressman from the State of Texas.

I want to extend my condolences to his wonderful wife and his fine young boys.

Congressman JOE POOL was a remarkable man in many ways. He was an able Member of this body and was indeed a warm and close friend to us all. I think, however, JOE POOL had no peer in his determination to stand up for what he saw as right. He was fiercely patriotic and this great Hall as well as the committee rooms and corridors of this legislative assemblage have rung loudly with his words in defense of this country against those who, while claiming the protection of its law, would tear down its institutions from within.

To chronicle the many fine attributes of our departed colleague in the time available here would be impossible, and words could not begin to express the feeling of our loss. But suffice it to say, our State and our Nation are the better off for JOE'S having lived, and no man can leave a better legacy. His good wife and his fine boys will experience times of difficult sorrow, but they will meet it with the same courageous determination that was so typical of Congressman JOE POOL.

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Speaker, I fully share the admiration of the late JOE POOL which has been expressed here. He was a dedicated, uncompromising patriot who loved his country and its institutions. In the Congress he voted his honest convictions without regard to

political consequences. He was courageous and skillful in the performance of his legislative duties.

As an individual, JOE was affable, friendly, and jovial. He always seemed to be more concerned with the welfare of others than with himself. His unselfishness added to his universal popularity among those who value devotion to others as the quality of a gentleman.

JOE POOL left his mark here. He did his duty as he saw it, and he always measured his conduct in terms of the public interest. I feel that in the loss of JOE POOL I have lost a personal friend, and I know the Nation has lost a faithful servant. To Mrs. Pool and the family I extend my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. ECKHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute to Congressman JOE POOL and expressing to his family my deepest condolences. In so doing, I wish to recognize another facet of his character.

I have known the Honorable JOE POOL, of Texas, since he was in the Texas Legislature. If there is a trait of character which is most commonly and generally necessary to make the wheels of government and of law turn, it is the kind of affability and generosity in conduct which permits disagreement with good humor, which preserves the possibility of compromise without the sacrifice of a fervent and forceful presentation of one's views. In this most needed trait of character the Honorable JOE POOL excelled.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, the sense of shock and sorrow which swept over me when I received the news of JOE POOL's untimely passing was deeply personal.

JOE POOL was my friend of many years' standing. We served together in the Texas Legislature and were deskmates in the State house of representatives. When I came to Congress, JOE had preceded me, and because of his friendship and counsel and assistance, I found Washington a far warmer and less strange place in my early days here than I had expected. He remained my loyal friend and good companion until the last. It is difficult indeed for me to believe that I will not again walk into his office and receive his warm greeting. He was a friendly type—whimsical—the master of the quip which provided a laugh for the day.

In mourning the loss of a friend, I mourn also the passing of a man who was deeply dedicated to the internal security of America, a

patriot who was not ashamed to let his patriotism show, an apostle of the principle that if the people are given light they will find the right way. In his official duties as a Member of this House, JOE POOL met his responsibilities fully and without flinching. He was devoted to the service of the people he represented here, laboring wisely and well for their interests, but his service was not confined to his constituents. He worked for all the people of the America he loved, never faltering in the courage of his convictions, never hesitating to lift his hand in defense of the freedom that he was determined must endure in our land.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the memory of JOE POOL, a great and fearless American.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, today's special orders for the purpose of evoking the memory of a fallen comrade has a special, personally tinged sadness to it.

It was my shocked surprise two Sundays ago to be greeted, upon my arrival at Dulles Airport from my district, with the news that my colleague and friend, Representative JOE POOL, had suffered a heart attack in Texas and the Braniff agent was trying to locate Mrs. Pool but did not have her residence telephone number. I then supplied this number and was then informed that my friend had not only suffered a heart attack but had passed on. It took a few minutes for the implication of this news to sink in.

I then waited for Mrs. Pool and her three younger children and saw them off to Dallas. But as I stood there I reviewed in my mind the friendship that had developed between JOE POOL and myself. I went back to 11 years ago when I attended my first session as a State senator in the Texas Senate. JOE was serving in the House. We stood poles apart on a tremendous issue. But the one thing that stands out is that JOE could disagree with you without being disagreeable. Though our philosophies could hardly be said to be alike, there was a mutual personal respect and esteem.

My memory recalled an incident that took place just last autumn. We were in session, as you will recall, and I found myself visited by another distinguished Texan, indeed, a fellow San Antonian, Maury Maverick, Jr.

I invited Maury to lunch in the House restaurant, and as we were returning to my office, walking down the "tunnel" JOE POOL saw us

and called Maury. They renewed their friendship and recalled some hot issues both had confronted when they both served in the Texas House of Representatives. JOE POOL said: "Maury, remember when I invited you to lunch at Schlotz' after we had had that terrible argument? I told you then that we could shake hands and that I wanted to sit down and have a leisurely lunch with you in order to see what made you tick." Maury said: "Yes, JOE, I remember, because I wanted to see what made you tick." We proceeded to walk about 2 minutes' worth down the tunnel without a word, then both looked around and simultaneously said: "You know, I still do not know what makes you tick." They both burst out laughing at the coincidence of their parallel thinking. Naturally, I could not control my own laughter.

I regret the loss of JOE POOL. He was a gentleman at all times. We differed, but always in the give and take of the legislative arena; never on a personal basis.

I shall always remember JOE POOL for his amiable and kind friendship and pray that the Almighty will grant him peace and eternal rest and his family the sufficient strength to bear this great loss.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, July 14, my Texas colleagues and I suffered the loss of a good friend and a distinguished member of our delegation. JOE POOL was always a pleasure to be with and was an enjoyable and most affable companion. In spite of the fact that he might disagree most strongly with an individual's position, he nevertheless always maintained his sense of fairplay and native good humor.

He was a dedicated and hard-working public servant who pursued with great diligence the causes of the Texans he represented. He was always a strong advocate of the principles in which he believed.

We in the Texas delegation and all of my colleagues here in Congress have lost a good friend. Our hearts are filled with deepest sympathy for his wife Elizabeth and their four sons.

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, it was my great pleasure to serve with the late JOE POOL over a period of nearly 8 years. For two terms we served together in the Texas State Legislature, and we have served together for nearly two terms in the House of Representatives. We have been fellow committee members on the Post Office and Civil

Service Committee. And, of course, we have been fellow members of the Texas delegation.

It was my privilege to know, I believe, the kind of man JOE POOL was, and to have a basic understanding of the things that he stood for. He was a man of great courage and firm convictions. He had no hesitancy in speaking out firmly for the things he believed in. He was basically a tolerant man. He knew that politics is a mixture and a distillation of many divergent viewpoints and he respected the rights of those who might disagree with him. There were some basic things which he would not tolerate—and they included activities which he believed were undertaken for the purpose of undermining our free government and destroying its basic institutions.

Personally, and on behalf of my district, I owe much to Congressman POOL. He was already at work, when I came to Congress, on a bill to establish a great new national park in the Guadalupe Mountains of my district. The work he had already done made it easier for me to carry this project forward to final approval, and by public law the project has now been authorized.

In many other ways, JOE POOL was helpful to me as a new Congressman in representing my district. I will always be grateful to him, and I know there are many of my constituents who join me in this tribute to a capable, honest, and courageous representative of the people of Texas.

Mr. KAZEN. Mr. Speaker, with heavy heart I rise today to pay tribute to our departed colleague, JOE POOL, Representative from Texas. It was my privilege to have known Congressman POOL for many years. I first made his acquaintance some 20 years ago when we served in the Texas House of Representatives. During our tenure in the Texas Legislature we became warm, personal friends. I learned to respect and admire JOE POOL because of his wholehearted devotion and dedication to his constituency and his State. He was a man who had strong convictions and opinions and who fearlessly voiced them. He was a tenacious advocate of the American way of life. During my many years of association with him I learned that he could be a valuable ally if he was on your side and a very worthy opponent if he was against you and, needless to say, I much perferred to be on his side.

He earned an enviable reputation throughout the State of Texas as a most capable and dedicated legislator and these qualities served him in good stead when he decided to run for the Congress of the United States. For JOE POOL came to this Congress under the most difficult of situations. He ran for the at-large seat and the people of Texas elected him overwhelmingly. Later on, when the legislature redistricted the congressional seats, he was reelected by the people of his county of Dallas and served from that district with great distinction until his untimely death.

Mr. Speaker, Dallas County, the State of Texas, and the Nation have lost an outstanding American and I have lost a good friend. I wish to extend to his widow, Elizabeth, and to their sons my deepest sympathy and pray that the Good Lord gives them the strength to bear their tremendous loss.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, always there is the sudden shock and disbelief and quiet sadness that comes upon us when we learn that one of our colleagues has been taken from our midst. Always, there is a quick assertion within ourselves that he was a great and good man. Always, there is the recalling of all the many good and fine qualities that endear a man to us.

But, Mr. Speaker, that anguish and that sadness runs deeper when you have lost one of your close, personal friends. When we lost the Honorable JOE POOL, I felt I had lost one of my oldest and closest confidants and warm friends, for we had been good friends since the University of Texas days in the early 1930's. The grief within us today is still deep.

JOE POOL was one of the best liked men in the entire House. By nature, he was cordial and pleasant. Because, Mr. Speaker, JOE POOL was more like people than anyone else in the House of Representatives. He had an innate instinct—a special sense—to say what people were thinking and to act accordingly. He was colorful and delightful, and he was honest to a fault about his role as Congressman of Dallas, the city he loved with all his heart.

JOE POOL made no bones about whom he represented. He did not try to give the impression he was out to save the world. He represented his district, his home folks. He had a side, Mr. Speaker, and JOE POOL was always on this side with his friends and neighbors of Dallas.

Yet he also attained national prominence. He served with distinction as chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. As chairman of HUAC, he fought every element of the communistic hierarchy. As a ranking member of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, he has openly, strongly, and without fail helped better the lives of every member of the Post Office and Civil Service Departments. Many of the gains which millions of little people in Government service today enjoy have come as a result of JOE POOL's strong dedication to them.

Mr. Speaker, we will miss the color and the flare and the flamboyance of JOE POOL. The Government will miss his able and dedicated contribution, and the Texas delegation will sorely miss our friend who was one of the best liked of all of our delegation. To his family, we send our heartfelt sympathy, but as we do it, we also send our appreciation for having the chance to work with such a good-hearted, yet two-fisted, loyal American, who loved his country as fiercely as any man could, and who rendered it great service.

Mr. Speaker, if politics is the joy of happiness, JOE POOL was the best example of that philosophy. He loved his work; he loved people, and people responded by loving jovial, able JOE POOL. He, too, was the Happy Warrior.

Mr. ICHORD. Mr. Speaker, I join with the Texas delegation as a friend of JOE POOL in paying final tribute to his memory this morning. I was privileged to be a member of the official delegation attending his funeral and witnessed the multitude of mourners who came to pay their last respects to their devoted and dedicated servant and Government representative. They saluted JOE POOL whose tenure in the House of Representatives was characterized by his deep concern for the well-being of those he represented in the Congress and the country in which he lived.

The House stands today bereft of one of its stalwarts.

I served with JOE POOL on the House Committee on Un-American Activities for 5 years and found early in my friendship and association with him that he was a thoughtful man, a forceful individual, quick with wit, and always kind and accommodating and faithful in the discharge of his duties. I looked upon him as one who was attentive to all his associates and respectful of the views of others even though in conflict with his own convictions.

In the course of his 6 years in the Halls of Congress, JOE POOL devoted himself unselfishly and relentlessly to issues and purposes beneficial to the needs of the people, to strengthening American traditions, to the security of the Nation, and to the welfare of all the people. A dedicated legislator working hard and serving well, JOE POOL at this hour and during his years of public service will be remembered in this body not only for his hard-earned records of service, but also for his friendly and warm countenance, his good humor, and a vibrant personality and affection for his fellow men.

The House of Representatives will mourn him as a man with deep faith and humility. I add my praise to his memory and extend heartfelt sympathy to his sorrowing family.

May Mrs. Pool and his four courageous sons take some measure of comfort in the fact that numerous friends share their grief and bereavement.

Mr. DOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I join millions of Texans and Americans everywhere, who, with bowed heads and hearts, mourn the loss of a great patriot, the late Congressman JOE POOL, of Dallas, Tex. Our loss was felt immediately and the full extent can only be determined with the passage of time. To many of us, it is also a personal loss.

When Congressman POOL was sworn in as a freshman Congressman, he had already been a member of the Texas State Legislature for 6 years. During his three terms of distinguished service in the Texas House, he served on its most powerful and important committees, including appropriations, revenue and taxation, and State affairs. While serving in Austin, it became apparent to all that this was a man who could be counted on to stand for the right without regard to political or other consequences. The people of Texas quickly perceived his fervent dedication to duty and the ideals of our beloved country and promoted him to the U.S. Congress in 1962, where he has so ably served since. It has been said of Congressman POOL that he was a contrast to apathy and that he cared too intensely to stand idly by on any issue. Everyone knew his unwavering stand and that he sincerely fought for what he believed to be right and equitable. As a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he was no shirker or slackard when it came time to investigate persons and organizations which threatened the security of our system and those

things that make America great. He was a man of decision, with high intelligence, a decisive mind, and nearly inexhaustible energy who loved his neighbor as himself. Even at the time of his death, Congressman Pool was returning from a trip in the interest of our country. Mr. Pool's political philosophy, which caused him to put country above all else, included his dedication to fairness for all, keeping in touch with the people, and having faith in them, and above all, to have commonsense and use it. His record of dedicated public service bears this out; once he undertook to do anything, it was done well or he would not do it at all.

The House, and the Nation, has lost a pillar of strength in the passing of our friend and colleague, Joe Pool. I extend my sincere condolences to his bereaved family and join his many friends in mourning his loss.

Mr. SLACK. Mr. Speaker, among the many words of praise for our late colleague Joe Pool, of Texas, much emphasis will rightly be placed on his courage, his devotion to principle, and his deep-seated conviction that the laws and traditions of these United States represent the "last, best hope of men."

His responsibility as a Congressman was of such a nature that he was unavoidably thrust into the limelight from time to time, and was an obvious primary target for organized groups who disliked his insistence upon a public accounting for their efforts to influence the course of this Nation's history.

His permanent place in the history of the House of Representatives has been earned not only by his deeds, but also by the caliber of his most vocal opponents in public controversy. But among those of us who knew him personally, there will always be an image and remembrance of firm convictions based on principle, but with no malice toward an opponent, and a warmness of personality which will not soon be forgotten.

I join with those extending deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr. PURCELL. Mr. Speaker, I feel, as I know all of us do, a great sense of personal loss at the death of Joe Pool. This tragic event has taken away far more than just another individual, for Joe Pool was not an "ordinary man," as the term is usually known. I

do not say this to imply that he was not able to relate to common people, for all of us here today know that this was one of his personal strongpoints. The downtrodden looked to him as a champion; he was their friend, their "man in Washington."

Certainly, he was a loving husband and father. He was also a most capable Representative, and a trusted friend to all of us. But these aspects of his life, when joined together in the vibrant personality and method that was peculiarly his, added up to much more than the mere sum of the parts. It added up to a truly fine, unique man, whose presence will not walk the earth again.

To his constituents, he was an effective Representative, always willing to work diligently on any matter that was brought to him. It was typical that the night of his tragic death found him with notes on how best to help a serviceman's family, whose husband and father was missing in Vietnam. He never shrank from controversy, and was never known to shrink from voicing what he truly believed. His constituents knew this, and trusted him for just this reason.

To the Nation he represented one of the most effective voices for preserving the traditional strengths and individual constitutional freedoms that have brought us to our present position as a bastion of freedom. Americans from every walk of life knew his effective work on the House Committee on Un-American Activities and knew that he would watch for threats to the security of the Nation from within its borders.

When I was present in Dallas, to attend his funeral along with several of my colleagues of the Texas delegation, I heard a term used to describe him that, to me, best brings together all the various aspects of his life and his work.

That term was "Joe Pool, American." I like that, and I think Joe would have liked it, too. No flowery adjectives, no great rambling tomes that are customarily used to describe men more cautious, more compromising. I, or any of us here today, would be happy to be known that way, but the description belongs particularly to Joe Pool.

Joe Pool has passed away leaving a legacy for the Nation of freedom and strength. Others, undoubtedly, will come to these Halls and seek to emulate him. But I am convinced that few can succeed, because they will not have the gifts and determination that he possessed and used so wisely.

Mr. MAHON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to be counted among those who paid tribute today to the memory of our departed friend and colleague, JOE POOL. I shall not extend my remarks at this time, but I would like to make reference to the remarks which I made in the House of Representatives on July 15, the day after he died, when it became my sad duty to announce to the House the passing of our late friend and colleague.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, the city of Dallas and the State of Texas have lost an able spokesman. All of his colleagues in Congress, and especially his friends in the Texas delegation, will miss JOE POOL. We were all saddened by his untimely and sudden death.

JOE was a great friend of mine, going back to 1955 when we were members of the Texas Legislature. He maintained a business in my home county also. JOE POOL was a courageous man—he loved his country and had no use for any individual who did not. He had the courage to stand for his convictions, even when it was unpopular. So long as I have known him, he never failed to stand up and be counted for what he believed was the best for his country, his State, and his district.

Those of us who served with him have lost a good friend, and the country has lost a dedicated legislator.

His wife, Elizabeth, and his four fine sons have my sincerest and heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, when I first came to the House of Representatives in January 1963, I was assigned room 136 in the Old Cannon House Office Building. Seeking to move in several days before Congress convened, I found my office not ready; my predecessor was late in moving out; it had not as yet been painted.

So I had no place to put my things—no telephone—it was extremely inconvenient for a few hours until the new Congressman in the next office found out about my predicament and insisted, with warm southern hospitality, that I double up with him until my office was ready.

This I did; and there began that day a friendship with JOE POOL that continued until JOE'S tragic death on July 14.

We will all miss JOE POOL. He was invariably kind and friendly in his relations with each of us. One never asked a favor of JOE that he did not go out of his way to respond. Many of us had political views

entirely different from those to which JOE was dedicated; yet our debates with him were always carried on without rancor or high personal feelings. If JOE's side had the votes we would congratulate him at the end of the battle in all friendliness, and when we prevailed, JOE would always do the same to us.

JOE was always noted in the House of Representatives for the splendid work he did for his constituents. For the first years his constituency included all of the people of the great State of Texas. The last few years JOE represented a portion of Dallas, and no problem brought to him by any constituent, regardless of political affiliation, but did not receive the instant and skilled attention JOE offered his people.

My condolences go especially to JOE's charming widow, Elizabeth. JOE and Elizabeth were a loving couple whose happiness in marriage and as parents was an inspiration to all of his colleagues.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. Speaker, I join with the members of the Texas delegation and others in expressing sorrow over the untimely passing of our colleague, the Honorable JOE R. POOL.

JOE POOL and I were members of the 88th Congress Club, and in our years of service together I found him to be one of the most hardworking and energetic Members of the House. I valued his friendship very highly through the years when our work on the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service brought us into frequent association.

JOE's general personality and generous instincts will be missed by all the Members. He fought hard for the causes in which he believed deeply, and he applied himself diligently to the task of serving the people of his district, the State of Texas, and the Nation.

To the members of his bereaved family, I extend my profound condolences, and hope that they will find some measure of comfort in the fullness of his life's services to his fellow men.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

IN THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADDRESS BY HON. AL ULLMAN

OF OREGON

Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the sudden passing of our colleague, JOE POOL. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve in the House of Representatives with this distinguished gentleman from Texas, and we shall all miss his presence.

My most sincere sympathy goes to Congressman POOL's wife and family at this moment of loss for them and for the Nation.

ADDRESS BY HON. ELIGIO DE LA GARZA

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, the sense of shock and sorrow which swept over me when I received the news of JOE POOL's untimely passing was deeply personal.

JOE POOL was my friend of many years' standing. We served together in the Texas Legislature and were deskmates in the State house of representatives. When I came to Congress, JOE had preceded me and, because of his friendship and counsel and assistance, I found Washington a far warmer and less strange place in my early days here than I had expected. He remained my loyal friend and good companion until the last. It is difficult indeed for me to believe that I will not again walk into his office and receive his warm greeting. He was a friendly type—whimsical—the master of the quip which provided a laugh for the day.

In mourning the loss of a friend, I mourn also the passing of a man who was deeply dedicated to the internal security of America, a patriot who was not ashamed to let his patriotism show, an apostle of the principle that if the people are given light they will find the right way. In his official duties as a Member of this House, JOE POOL

met his responsibilities fully and without flinching. He was devoted to the service of the people he represented here, laboring wisely and well for their interests, but his service was not confined to his constituents. He worked for all the people of the America he loved, never faltering in the courage of his convictions, never hesitating to lift his hand in defense of the freedom that he was determined must endure in our land.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the memory of JOE POOL, a great and fearless American.

ADDRESS BY HON. OLIN E. TEAGUE

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, I, like many other Members of this body, was shocked when I heard of the untimely and sudden death of our colleague, JOE POOL, of Dallas, Tex. I had known JOE personally for some time prior to his becoming the Texas Member-at-Large in the House of Representatives and welcomed him to this body. As all of us know, he soon made his presence known with his activities on both the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and the Committee on Un-American Activities.

Yesterday, Mr. POOL was laid to rest in his hometown of Dallas. He was eulogized by a former colleague of his in the State legislature, the Honorable Jimmy Phillips of Beaumont, Tex. Under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I wish to include the eulogy offered by Mr. Phillips:

I have had the good fortune to have had the opportunity to have been closely associated with my friend JOE POOL for more than 40 years.

As a friend, it is difficult and well nigh impossible to find the words to express my feelings on this sad and tragic occasion—there is so much that can be said.

JOE POOL was a likeable, jovial, jolly, compassionate, unsophisticated, and down-to-earth man whose dedication and candor set him apart from most men.

As one editorial writer put it so aptly, "JOE was an American who believed to the core of his soul that this country was freedom's mighty protector and any man who soiled his citizenship by veering only slightly in dedication to the United States of America was his enemy."

His constituents have lost a fair and fearless Representative. Texas has lost a lawmaker of impeccable character, and the Nation has lost a dedicated and determined crusader for what is right for America.

JOE POOL, through his hard work and long hours on the job in Washington, earned the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and it is so ironic that he was cut down at the very zenith of his career; and it is typical of the man that he was on a mission of service to his country at the very time he was stricken. JOE POOL, as many others before him, gave his life for his country.

Through the years, I have watched JOE travel his path of public service—as a member of the University of Texas student assembly during the years we both worked our way through the university in the midst of the depression.

As an intelligence officer during World War II, as a member of the Texas Legislature, during which time we both served together in that body where he distinguished himself with his legislative investigations and his legislative programs.

As a Member of the U.S. Congress, during the past 7 years, where JOE earned the respect of his colleagues, the affection of his constituents, and the grudging admiration of his detractors.

Our paths have crossed many times in the past 40 years and I have had occasion to observe JOE during his finest and happiest hours when, surrounded by his family and friends, he tasted the fruits of victory in winning elections.

I have also been with him as he experienced bitter political disappointments on occasions when he lost elections.

One of the things I shall always remember most about JOE, besides his dedicated and zealous work as a public servant, was his absolute refusal to ever accept defeat.

Even in his darkest hours his almost unbelievable and incredible ability to remain confident, continue his optimism, and proceed undeterred toward his goal of dedicated public service in spite of all obstacles, always amazed me.

I shall always remember JOE'S compassion—I have witnessed many times his pleasure and satisfaction when he was able to be of help to ordinary folks—his constituents who looked on him as their only hope for assistance in problems confronting them. His happiest moments came on the occasions he could call some anxious constituent and report success of his efforts to solve their problem.

This deep concern for the needs of his constituents was always evident—even to the very last minute of his existence on this earth.

Among his effects found in his pocket on the night of his death was a note in his handwriting to himself reminding that he must stay in touch with the wife of a Viet Nam veteran reported "missing in action" and continue his efforts to try and secure information concerning the missing Viet Nam veteran.

There was not even the slightest evidence of any petty vindictiveness anywhere in JOE'S makeup.

There was not any evidence of any fear for his own safety in his sometimes dangerous and hectic experiences with those who vigorously and sometimes violently expressed their disapproval of his activities as a public servant.

There was every evidence of his dedication, determination and extreme candor in carrying out what he believed would help keep his country safe from danger from within or without.

JOE was a kind and compassionate person whose public image would not project this characteristic to those who did not know him—I never knew JOE to ever turn anyone away; even some of his severest critics and worst political enemies who asked him for assistance got his help—and he many times brushed aside suggestions from his friends that he should not bother to waste his time on his enemies.

JOE was a dedicated family man—proud of his wife and children—his major concern with his job in Congress was that it kept him away from his family more than he would like. And he many times expressed his concern to me about being away from his loved ones so much.

JOE POOL was a rugged, determined, hard-working member of the House Un-American Activities Committee. As a ranking member, he saw the committee as a court of last resort for this freedom-loving Nation—a vital instrument for rooting out those who would overthrow this system of government.

His actions gained him national publicity and the admiration of law-abiding Americans everywhere—200,000 letters pouring in to Members of Congress during this session objecting to a pending bill abolishing the House Un-American Committee, to me, is the best evidence of America's stamp of approval of JOE'S work.

Another editor's comment regarding JOE is so typical of the man that I quote it here: "It was to POOL'S credit that it was hard to be neutral about him. To his detractors he was a formidable opponent—frank, hard hitting, unafraid—he never backed away from a fight"—the wrath and extreme viciousness of his enemies who opposed him never caused him to waiver from his goal.

I believe the greatest tribute paid to JOE since this tragedy has come from people—not personally acquainted with JOE—just ordinary folks living in his congressional district—passing by his bier and commenting: "The Congressman did not know me but I knew him."

Most applicable to JOE, as though he specifically had JOE POOL in mind when he wrote it, is a passage which poet James Thurber once wrote about one of his friends, and I quote:

"He made many friends and lost very few—he made the right kind of enemies and kept them all. This is not to place a premium on making enemies—it is but to say this man . . . stood for something!"

ADDRESS BY HON. JOE L. EVINS

OF TENNESSEE

Mr. Speaker, I join with members of the Texas delegation and others in paying a brief but sincere tribute to our late colleague, Congressman JOE R. POOL.

Congressman POOL was a member of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, and also served on the House Committee on Un-American Activities. JOE POOL was hard working and energetic, and certainly made an imprint on his State and country, and will be long remembered.

I want to extend my deepest and most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Pool and the family in their loss and bereavement.

ADDRESS BY HON. PHILIP J. PHILBIN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, I was inexpressibly shocked and very deeply grieved to learn of the sudden passing of my dearly beloved friend and esteemed colleague, Congressman JOE POOL, an outstanding Representative from the great State of Texas.

I have known JOE POOL since he came to the Congress and, like everyone in the House, held him in highest regard. He was an able, distinguished, knowledgeable, dedicated public servant of finest caliber, and his splendid service in this body will long be remembered.

He was highly respected, admired, and loved by all who knew him, and during his service here made many contributions to his district, his State, and our country. He was a natural-born leader and a great American.

We will greatly miss him, and it is with a very heavy heart that I extend to his bereaved family and all his dear ones fervent prayers and most heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

JOE POOL was a man of courage, action, and genuine Americanism. May he find rest and peace in his eternal reward.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN M. ASHBROOK

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, with the loss of the Honorable JOE R. POOL, the House has lost a devoted Member and stanch protector of the American way of life.

For a number of years we served together as members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and I can say that it will be difficult to fill the chair he leaves with another man as able and conscientious and as protective of the path of our Nation.

JOE POOL always stood in contrast to the apathetic, the shirker, and those who merely went along for the ride. This was not his way. He cared too fervently to stand idly by and, instead, rose to whatever problems of our country demanded his attention.

Tireless efforts, concern, sincerity, devotion, these are what we have lost, what the House of Representatives has lost, and what the people of Texas and the Nation have lost.

I extend my deepest and most sincere sympathy to his family during this period of sorrow. I also assure them that most men leave a far smaller legacy of good work and good will.

ADDRESS BY HON. OMAR BURLESON

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, during the years I have served in the House of Representatives, many of our associates with whom we have served here in this Chamber are gone for one reason or another.

In the cloakroom and here on the floor their names are often mentioned and, really, none of them are ever forgotten. With no disparagement to any of them, some are naturally missed more than others, simply because of their nature, their disposition, and other characteristics which may more definitely identify them.

JOE POOL is one who will be missed as one possessing unusual characteristics. As evidenced here, he had many friends. His personality was such that it offended no one but which drew people to

him. He was a man who, in his actions as a proponent or opponent on an issue, could hold the respect and esteem of those on the other side. He was strong in his convictions and had the courage to execute them. He was loyal to his friends and dedicated to his duties here in the Congress. The country, our State, and his constituents need men of this sort of dedication and he will be missed for this reason as well as personal ones.

My heart goes out to his family, and particularly his wife, Elizabeth, by reason of his untimely death.

ADDRESS BY HON. W. R. POAGE

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, JOE POOL is already missed. Probably every Member of this House knew him and loved him regardless of the violent differences of opinion which often centered around him. JOE was a friend who made friends. He had friends all across Texas as well as here and in his home in Dallas.

He also made enemies. Every man who does anything makes enemies. JOE was no exception, but he had the happy faculty of making political not personal enemies.

He was indeed a "man of the people." He knew his people and he knew their views and their wishes. Very few men have ever served here who sought so diligently to represent the views of his people. Before he came to this House he had represented his people at Austin, and if we believe in the election returns as the voice of Democracy, JOE always detected and reflected their views.

He was an urban man. Unlike many of his colleagues, especially from Texas, he claimed no rural connections. He was born in Fort Worth but lived almost all of his life in Houston and Dallas, the two largest cities of his native State. He used this very urban background to be elected Congressman-at-Large and carried most of the rural areas as well as the cities.

For the last several years he has represented his hometown—at least a part of it. He represented all of Oak Cliff, the part of Dallas

where he lived, as well as the downtown section. He was always challenged but never defeated for reelection.

He left a wife and four fine boys. All Texas shares with them the loss of this vigorous, genial, and hard-working leader. Frances and I join in extending our sympathy and our best wishes.

ADDRESS BY HON. ARNOLD OLSEN

OF MONTANA

Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our colleague and friend, JOE POOL, is sad and shocking. JOE POOL symbolized life itself. He was an affable and energetic man filled with warmth who had the courage of his convictions. When convinced of the rightness of a cause he stood firm in the fray. For this he had the respect of all the Members of the House of Representatives.

I knew JOE POOL well through his whole congressional tenure. We served together on the Post Office and Civil Service Committee for 5½ years. His knowledge of postal matters and his concern for the interest of postal patrons never failed to impress me. He was a valuable colleague and served the committee with great distinction.

The city of Dallas and the State of Texas, as well as this body of Congress, has lost a valuable servant and a true friend. Mrs. Olsen joins me in extending our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Pool and her four sons.

PROCEEDINGS

IN THE

UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *July 17, 1968.*

Mr. TOWER. Mr. President, the flags over the Capitol fly at half-mast today to show our respect for the late Honorable JOE RICHARD POOL, and our sorrow at his early death. He died Sunday at the age of 57 while performing his duties as chairman of the Subcommittee for Postal Modernization and Facilities of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Mr. POOL, who represented the Third Congressional District of Texas, also served as a subcommittee chairman on the House Un-American Activities Committee, and gained national recognition during the hearings in 1966 relating to the activities of war dissenters.

Mr. POOL was born in Fort Worth, Tex., and attended the Texas public schools. His undergraduate work was completed at the University of Texas, and he received his law degree in 1937 from Southern Methodist University Law School. He served the U.S. Army as an investigator from 1943 to 1945, and then returned to Texas, where he practiced law. He served two terms as the Dallas County member of the Texas House of Representatives.

He first gained membership to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1962, when he was elected to the 88th Congress. He was reelected to both the 89th and the 90th Congresses.

Mr. POOL served in the House of Representatives for 6 dedicated years. He proved himself unflinching in his patriotism. His constituents never had cause to doubt Mr. POOL's love of country and his devotion to a free America. Constantly aware of the threat of Communist subversion, he battled to protect American liberty.

Representative POOL, this loyal American, this zealous patriot, was also a devoted husband and father. I should like to extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Pool and to the late Representative's four sons.

Mr. YARBOROUGH. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 378

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOE R. POOL, late a Representative from the State of Texas.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 378) was considered and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BYRD of West Virginia. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, in accordance with the previous order, and in compliance with Senate Resolution 378, as a further mark of respect in memory of the Honorable JOE POOL, a Representative from the State of Texas, I move that the Senate stand in adjournment until 12 noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to, and (at 6 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned until Thursday, July 18, 1968, at 12 noon.

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